

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 26, 2017

Yard of the Week

This week's yard of the week is located at 1242 W. Main Street. This white picket fenced yard is small but has lots of plants and flowers and is nicely maintained. With the sun coming out this week, flowers are really starting to bloom. Remember if you see a yard that is worthy of being named "Yard of the Week" contact City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Armory on Monday, May 29th at 11:00 am. After the ceremony, there will be walk/march from the Armory to Veterans Park on River Road, where there will be a 21 gun salute.

Carnival Coming to Town

The Carnival is coming to town. Next week beginning Thursday, June 1st through Sunday, June 4th, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a carnival at Bohemia Park. Pre-sale of armbands can be purchased for \$20 at 5 Flying Monkeys, Scarpelli's Short Stop, Shampoo Dolls Salon, Chamber of Commerce and Cottage Grove Sentinel or can be purchased for \$25 on site.

Water Treatment Plant Staff Featured in Magazine

Cottage Grove's Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Ray Pardee and his team are featured in the June 2017 Treatment Plant Operator Magazine. Ray is pictured on the front page of the June issue and on pages 36-40 is the article on the water treatment plant. Great job to the Cottage Grove's Water Treatment Team. The article can be found at: <http://www.tpomag.com/magazine/2017/06>



New Maintenance Worker 1

The Utilities Division of Public Works & Development has hired Chris Senters as the new Maintenance 1 Worker. We are excited Chris is joining our team and look forward to him starting May 31st.

Limb Pickup

The Utilities Crew worked this week picking up brush and limbs. They will continue picking up limbs next week as there are a few areas that the crew hasn't made it to yet.

Water Service Repair

Next Wednesday, May 31st, the Utilities Crew will be replacing a water service on South 6th between Jefferson and Adams Street. They will need to detour traffic on South 6th Street while the work is being done. We will do our best to limit the disruption during the repair.

Getting Ready for Summer

The Maintenance Division of Public Works & Development had a very busy week. Monday the Maintenance crew installed the saddle span cover for the amphitheater at Bohemia Park. Getting the amphitheater ready for this summers concerts in the park. It is going to be a great concert season with KNND bringing in Home Free on July 14th during Bohemia Days, the Eugene Symphony on July 24th, and the Cottage Grove Chamber's Wednesday night Concerts in the Park. It is going to be a great summer of music in the park.

On Tuesday the crew hung new flower baskets on Main Street. Thank you to the Main Street Program for providing the baskets which were purchased from Log House Plants. The baskets are beautiful.

On Thursday they installed seven new benches in Bohemia Park. The maintenance crew built the benches out of recycled rail car axles from the former box cars at the maintenance shop. They are a great addition to Bohemia Park. The remainder of the week the team spent mowing in the city's parks. The great weather this week was perfect for them to get caught up on most of the mowing.



Commercial Investment Division

On Thursday, the Public Works & Development Director participated with five other representatives from Coburg, Creswell, Eugene, Springfield and Veneta on a panel explaining what was going on in each of the cities. Following the presentations the panel responded to questions from the audience mostly about development and land use in each city. In general the feedback from the attendees was positive and excited about Cottage Grove.

Tourism Ambassador Award

At the Travel Lane County 2017 Visitor Industry Celebration on May 18th, Tourism Ambassador Awards were given to individuals, businesses or organizations that exemplified the unmatched hospitality locals and visitors experience every day. The Chamber of Commerce's in Lane County were asked to select an individual, business or organization from their area to be recognized. The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce selected the Bohemia Foundation for the Tourism Ambassador Award.

The Bohemia Foundation's purpose has been to re-claim an abandoned rail yard in downtown Cottage Grove and turn it into a lush green open space for the entire community to enjoy. The

process included clearing the 14.8 acre track, demolition of existing buildings, planning and design, public outreach, fill and shaping of the land, in-ground infrastructure, construction of the picnic pavilion, public restrooms, 2000 seat amphitheater, playground and installation of numerous park amenities. While not complete, Bohemia Park has transformed Cottage Grove. The park now hosts a summer concert series and numerous other festivals and events, entertaining both locals and visitors. Congratulations to the Bohemia Foundation.

Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library

The Smithsonian has returned to the Cottage Grove Public Library. During the entire months of May and June, 2017, the Library will host "A Place For All People", the Smithsonian traveling exhibit to introduce the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C. Stop by the Library during May and June to view this inspiring exhibit.

"A Place For All People" Film Festival at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library will show its final film for the "A Place For All People" film festival honoring African American Directors on Thursday, June 1st at 5:30 pm. Please join us in the screening of "Their Eyes Were Watching God".

Children's Librarian Departing

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library on Wednesday, May 31st from 3:00 to 4:00 pm to bid farewell and good luck to Children's Librarian, Valarie Johns. Valarie has been a spectacular member of our team for the last 2+ years and is loved and appreciated by everyone. Patrons have enjoyed her creative energy in the world of Children and Youth programs and collections. Stop by on May 31st to help celebrate with Valarie and send her off with best wishes for a wonderful future ahead.



111th Annual Government Finance Officers Association Conference

Finance Director, Bert Likens, was awarded a scholarship to attend the 111th GFOA Annual Conference, held in Denver, Colorado May 20th thru May 24th. The conference offered opportunities for sharing ideas, sharpening skills, discovering new tools and technologies, and networking with peers from across North America and around the world. This year over 6,000 delegates attended. An array of concurrent sessions covering a broad range of topics was offered.

Quote of the Week

"Be Strong Enough to Stand Alone, Smart Enough to Know When You Need Help, and Brave Enough to Ask for It."

~Daily-Motivational -Quote.Com